traffic on 1.10.94. The work on the left over portion from Shimoga town to Talguppa (98 kms) was sanctioned in 1997 as second material modification to Bangalore-Hubli and is in good progress. The overall progress achieved on this section is 15% and there is no delay.

(iv) Solapur (Hotgi)-Gadag (300 kms.)

The project was canctioned in 1993-94. The work has been taken up in phases and sections between Solapur-Hotgi and Hotgi-Bijapur have been completed and commissioned. The work is in progress on rest of the section which will be completed in the coming years depending upon availability of resources.

(d) No target dates have been fixed. These projects are being progressed as per priority fixed by the Government and will be completed in the coming years subject to availability of resources.

Frequency of Rajdhani Express Trains

518. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to increase the frequency of some Rajdhani Express trains is under consideration of Government;

(b) whether the 2421/2422 Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani Express is one of them;

(c) if so, from which date the frequency of Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani is proposed to be increased; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise.

Construction of Road Over-Bridges in Orissa

519. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals sent by the Orissa Government for construction of Road over-bridges during the last three years;

(b) the action initiated by Government in response to such proposals; and

(c) the details regarding the present position of construction of Road over-bridges in that State?